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(ZINYAKIN, VLADIMIR)
SUBJECT: SOVIETS DETAINED IN ESPIONAGE CASE
REF: STATE 127847

1. WITH REFERENCE TO PARA 1 REFTEL, ZINYAKIN IS BEING KEPT AT FBI NEWARK HEADQUARTERS UNTIL HIS IDENTITY IS ESTABLISHED, WHICH IS EXPECTED IN A FEW MINUTES. DEPARTMENT ASKED SOVIET EMBASSY TO SEND CONSULAR OFFICERS FROM EMBASSY OR CONGEN NEW YORK ADVANCE PARTY TO IDENTIFY HIM, AND EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY REPLIED THAT ADVANCE PARTY OFFICERS VLADIMIR GEORGIYEVICH MATSENOV AND YEVGENNIY SERGEYEVICH ANTIPOV ARE EN ROUTE TO NEWARK.

2. IN VIEW OF THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM WASHINGTON OF AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, SOVIET MINISTER COUNSELOR VASEV WAS CALLED IN BY DAS LUERS MAY 20 TO RECEIVE THE NOTE TRANS-
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MITTED REFTEL. VASEV DECLINED TO ACCEPT THE ACCUSATION UNTIL HE GETS FULL INFORMATION. HE ALSO COMPLAINED THAT THE DETENTION OF ZINYAKIN PENDING IDENTIFICATION WAS A VIOLATION OF HIS PROTECTION UNDER U.S. LAW. LUERS REITERATED THE POINTS MADE IN THE NOTE AND EMPHASIZED THE GRAVE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS CASE AND ITS NEGATIVE IMPACT ON PUBLIC PERCEPTIONS IN THE U.S.

3. ASSUME EMBASSY WILL ALERT KAP AS APPROPRIATE.

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